

**SUMMARY OF MEETING  
NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (8)**

Henry E.S. Reeves Elementary School  
2005 NW 111 Street  
Miami, FL  
March 9, 2005  
7:00 PM

**Community Council Members Present**

Fredericke Alan Morley, Chair  
Bertha Carswell  
Arthemon Johnson  
Anthony Dawkins

**Community Council Members Absent**

Billy Hester, Vice Chair  
David Gongora

**Miami-Dade County Team Metro Staff Present**

Ron Williams, Executive Secretary  
Anne B. Hodge, Planner  
Angela Salomon, Outreach Specialist

**Other Miami-Dade County Staff in Attendance**

Kavin Davis, Commission Aide, Commissioner Barbara Carey-Shuler Office  
Alfa Mayshack, Commission Aide, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle Office  
Brian Finnie, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development  
and President of the Empowerment Trust  
Captain J. Scott Dennis, MDPD  
Elaine Ramirez, Manager, Miami-Dade Park & Recreation Department  
J.D. Patterson, Assistant Director, MDPD  
Paula Musto, Chief, General Obligation Bond Program  
Michael Murphy, Superintendent, PWD Road & Bridge  
Tom Spehar, Supervisor, Planning and Zoning Department  
Nicolette Grenell, Budget Analyst, OSBM  
Andrea Braynon, Budget Analyst, OSBM  
Cornelius Allen, Special Projects Administrator, Department of Solid Waste Management  
Bob Pearsall, Manager, Service Planning, Miami-Dade Transit

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Morley called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. There was a quorum. Councilman Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Councilwoman Carswell made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and was unanimously approved by the members present.

### **Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2005 Meeting**

Councilwoman Carswell made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2005; the motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and was unanimously approved by the members present.

### **Executive Secretary's Report**

Ron Williams, Executive Secretary, reported that Councilman David Gongora resigned because he did not live within CC8 boundaries. Mr. Williams advised the council that they had to take a mandatory ninety (90) minute Ethics Training session. The scheduled training dates were included in the notification sent to each council member. Mr. Williams also mentioned that the 2005 Neighborhood PRIDE Kickoff was going to be held by the Team Metro Kendall Office.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Morley acknowledged the presence of staff from both Commissioner Barbara Carey-Shuler and Commissioner Dorrin Rolle Offices. Chair Morley advised that Councilman Hester is in the hospital. Chair Morley explained the purpose of the establishment of community councils, the difference of zoning and non-zoning hearings. Chair Morley stated that the former council members would be recognized for their contributions to the council sub-areas. Those council members included Winifred Beacham, Bennie Dawson, Kerly Cileli, and Margaret Rudolph. He also asked if anyone was present to submit their name to fill the vacancy for subarea 86. Nobody stepped forward.

### **Library System Committee report**

Councilman Johnson motioned that a committee be formed to bring a library to a suitable location within the council area. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Carswell and unanimously approved by the members present. Chair Morley requested that this committee be headed by Ms. Melford Pinder of 1145 NW 83 ST, Miami, FL 33147. Ms. Pinder accepted, agreeing to form the committee with genuine, concerned members.

Chair Morley requested that a get well card be sent to Reverend Philip Johns in Commissioner Rolle's Office who suffered a stroke. Mr. Dante Starks' appreciation was moved to February. Chair Morley requested a community tour of the council boundaries be arranged and provided for the new council members.

### **Office of Community and Economic Development**

Mr. Brian Finnie, Director of the Office of Community and Economic Development and President of the Empowerment Trust provided an overview of each agency. He stated that they

receive funding from the Federal, State, and County government. However, most of their funding is from private sources such as banks. Mr. Finnie mentioned that the current administration has recommended making significant cuts to the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds. He discussed several projects within the Council area that were planned and in progress. He also discussed the Poinciana Industrial Park and the plans for the area. Mr. Finnie mentioned the economic impact and potential employment with job training opportunities. In addition, he responded to questions from the Council and public. Mr. Finnie explained the divisions of OCED (Office of Community and Economic Development) and their responsibilities. He stated that they oversee about \$60 million in their programs.

### **Budget Priorities**

Ms. Andrea Braynon, Budget Analyst, from the Office of Strategic Business Management, reviewed the previous budget priorities and the responses provided by the county departments. The Council went through the items in order to determine whether they would keep, modify, or eliminate the item. The budget priorities were tabled until the next special meeting due to the lengthy discussion and lateness of time.

### **North Central Charrette update**

Mr. Patrick Cure gave a brief update on the Charrette progress. He stated that he is in the process of setting up a meeting and will provide a status at the next meeting.

### **Community Input/Concerns**

Ms. Dorothea Nixon requested an updated status on the North Central Charrette and what goals were established, after the passing of the 2004 General Obligation Bond (GOB).

### **Agenda Items for May 11, 2005**

Agenda items for the May 11, 2005 meeting, includes:

1. Code Enforcement report
2. CRA
3. North Central Charrette Update
4. Library System Committee report (Ms. Melford Pinder)

### **Adjournment**

Chair Morley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Carswell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Ron Williams, Executive Secretary**